

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## RECOGNIZING POLISH HERITAGE DAY

### HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 10, 2015*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is my distinct honor to recognize the fourth annual Polish Heritage Day in Michigan City, Indiana. In honor of this special occasion, a commemorative event, the Polish Heritage Festival, will take place on Sunday, September 13, 2015, at the International Friendship Gardens in Michigan City.

During the inaugural festival in 2012, Michigan City Mayor Ron Meer proclaimed the 15th of September as Polish Heritage Day to honor and recognize the contributions made by Polish-American members of the local community.

The Polish Heritage Festival commences with a Polish-English mass in the Symphony Garden. Festivities continue with a performance by Wesoly Lud, a Polish folk dance ensemble, which includes regional costumes made in Poland. Each dance performance by the Chicago troupe incorporates ornate, custom aprons and headdresses for the ladies and embroidered vests and traditional hats for the men. The event also includes savory Polish food from Cavalier Inn of Hammond and Polish baked confectionaries from Bakers Dozen of South Bend.

A special honor, the Polish Ambassador Award, is presented during the festival to bestow recognition and respect on a deserving individual who has acted as an influential promoter of Polish heritage and culture.

For the past three years, the Polish Heritage Festival has applied proceeds from the event to local scholarships and soup kitchens, and also for the restoration of the Polish Garden at the International Friendship Gardens.

The Polish community has had an immense impact on life in Northwest Indiana, through its religious presence, as in the blessing of baskets prior to the Easter holiday and day-long weddings culminating with polka music and large dinners. Traditional Polish cuisine handed down from generation to generation, including pierogi, kielbasa, and paczki, is popular dining fare within the region due to the vast influence of Polish culture throughout Northwest Indiana.

Mr. Speaker, at this time, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in recognizing the fourth annual Polish Heritage Day in Michigan City, Indiana. Members of the Polish community have played an important role in enhancing the quality of life and culture of Northwest Indiana, and for that, they are to be commended.

## HONORING RICH SCHLESIGER

### HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 10, 2015*

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I submit this statement to honor the memory of Humboldt County Sheriff's Office Corporal Rich Schlesiger, who passed away on September 7, 2015. A native of Humboldt County, California, Mr. Schlesiger began his law enforcement career in the Siskiyou County Sheriff's Office in 1991. He was hired by the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office as a deputy sheriff in 1995 and worked in the Hoopa area for a year before being reassigned to Main Station Patrol Operations in Eureka.

Mr. Schlesiger served as bailiff for Humboldt County Superior Court beginning in 1999, and become a rotational detective in 2001. In 2005, Mr. Schlesiger was promoted to permanent investigator. Between 2005 and 2013 he investigated several high-profile homicide cases which resulted in successful prosecutions.

In 2013, Mr. Schlesiger accepted a position as Eel River deputy, working with the Bear River Band of Rhonerville Rancheria and the community of Loleta, and earned the respect and gratitude of many of the area's citizens. He was promoted to the rank of sheriff's corporal in 2014. Through his career, Mr. Schlesiger also served with distinction as a SWAT team member.

Mr. Schlesiger was forced to retire due to illness on December 30, 2014, and passed away less than a year afterward. His many contributions to law enforcement and public safety will be remembered for years to come. It is with deep respect that we mourn the passing of Mr. Rich Schlesiger and extend condolences to his family. His presence will be sorely missed.

## RECOGNIZING THE DENCO AREA 9-1-1 DISTRICT

### HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 10, 2015*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Denco Area 9-1-1 District as they celebrate their 25th Anniversary. Previously known as the Denton County Area Emergency Communication District, Denco was authorized by the Texas Legislature, established in Denton County through local election on August 25, 1987 with the strong support of county and local officials, and commenced operation on August 18, 1990.

Denco established the first emergency response telecommunications system with 9-1-1 service for Denton County. This vital organization has provided ground-breaking service for North Texas citizens by delivering efficient

and effective response for those caught in emergency situations. They also have provided annual educational programs to 68,000+ school-aged children regarding the proper use of a 9-1-1 call.

As a leader in emergency assistance, Denco is to be commended for their numerous accomplishments and enhancements to their infrastructure and service capability over the years. They were the first district in Texas to provide a 24/7 response program.

I am honored to join Denco in celebrating this important milestone, a significant achievement in their history as well as an event to be noted and appreciated by the communities they serve. As a worthwhile organization committed to ensuring the safety of Denton County residents, I am proud to represent the Denco Area 9-1-1 District in the U.S. House of Representatives.

## HONORING THE SERVICE OF AIR FORCE SENIOR AIRMAN JACQY RAMSEY

### HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 10, 2015*

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and thank Jacqy Ramsey, for his service to our nation in the United States Air Force.

Jacqy enlisted in the Air Force in May 1966 and reported for Basic Military Training (BMT) at Lackland AFB, TX. Following BMT, he completed Pneudraulic Repairman Course and was the Honor Graduate of Aircraft Pneudraulic Repair Tech School. In August 1966 he reported to 36th Troop Carrier Squadron (TAC) at Langley Air Force Base, Virginia.

Senior Airman Ramsey distinguished himself amongst his peers as a Pneudraulics Repairman in the 36 TAC. On 13 February 1967, en route to Pope Air Force Base, North Carolina, the C-130 on which Ramsey was a passenger experienced landing gear failure when the left main landing gear failed to extend. All efforts by the flight and maintenance crews failed to extend the landing gear. He discerned the problem, left his seat, and went to the aid of the flight crew. Due to his experience and knowledge of the gear system, he skillfully released the emergency release handle, lowered the landing gear, and locked it in place. His quick thinking and knowledge allowed the aircraft to make a safe landing.

His personal awards include the National Defense Service Medal, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, and the Air Force Good Conduct Medal. After receiving an Honorable Discharge from the United States Air Force in May 1972, Senior Airman Ramsey went on to work for IBM for 30 years.

A handyman and inventor, Senior Airman Ramsey built his own home, is skilled in construction, electrical, plumbing, and mechanical work. He also designed and built from scratch

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a wood boiler system that heats and provides hot water for his home. To fuel it, he built a large wood splitter that can split logs up to 2 feet in diameter. As a grandfather, he taught his grandsons how to work and drive heavy equipment.

Jacqy excelled while in the Air Force as well as during his career at IBM and I am honored to pay tribute to this Veteran. I know that Jacqy's wife, Arlene; his daughters Amy Manuel, 44; Emilee Haskins, 42; Jackie Sherer, 40; and Bridget Sibley, 40; his grandchildren; Miranda Updegraff, 22; Chandler Manuel, 19; Coleman Manuel, 18; Conner Manuel, 16; Cymon Manuel, 13; Merrit Manuel, 10; Nathanael Haskins, 18; Samuel Haskins, 14; Emma Haskins, 12; Meredith Haskins, 11; Eli Haskins, 6; Ben Haskins, 3; Zachary Sherer, 15; Moriah Sherer, 13; Xander Sherer, 9; Logan Sibley, 15; and Raegan Sibley, 4; and great-grandson Emmett Updegraff, 1, are all proud of Jacqy. I am thankful and proud of all of our Veterans like Jacqy who have selflessly given so much in service to our great nation.

#### RECOGNIZING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF SIGMA NU'S BETA THETA CHAPTER AT AUBURN UNIVERSITY

**HON. BRADLEY BYRNE**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 10, 2015*

Mr. BYRNE. Mr. Speaker, I along with my Alabama colleague, Congressman MIKE ROGERS, rise today to recognize the 125th anniversary of the Beta Theta chapter of Sigma Nu Fraternity. The Beta Theta chapter is located on-campus at Auburn University in our home state of Alabama.

Sigma Nu Fraternity was founded on January 1, 1869, on the campus of Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, Virginia. The Beta Theta chapter of Sigma Nu was chartered by the High Council on September 18, 1890, and is the 27th charter granted by the High Council. The chapter has been continuously operating on Auburn's campus since that day.

For the last 125 years, members of Auburn's Sigma Nu fraternity have made a lasting impact on their city, state, and country. Sigma Nu members have served in our nation's military to protect freedom at home and abroad in every war since 1890. Members of the fraternity have been leaders in business, medicine, law, politics, and community service.

The Knights of Sigma Nu Fraternity at Auburn have also made a lasting impact on their campus. From community service to leadership roles in student organizations, Sigma Nu has contributed to the betterment and well-being of Auburn University.

Most importantly, the men of the Beta Theta Chapter of Sigma Nu have a proud history of upholding their guiding ethical values of love, honor, and truth over the last 125 years.

So Mr. Speaker, Congressman ROGERS and I are proud to recognize the Beta Theta Chapter of Sigma Nu Fraternity, and we look forward to their continued positive impact at Auburn University and throughout our great nation.

RECOGNIZING JIM A. COFFEY

**HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 10, 2015*

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Jim A. Coffey who is retiring after 30+ years of dedicated public service with the University of North Texas Police Department. Promoted to captain in 2007, Coffey has served within the UNT Police Department in multiple capacities. He is recognized as a consummate law enforcement professional, an event management expert, a public speaker regarding crime prevention and esteemed mentor to aspiring police officers. Coffey is an integral part of the university community and widely known by students and professors for his passion and dedication for his job.

As an alumnus of UNT, Coffey has come full circle, beginning his tenure as a part-time student and transitioning into a full-time staff member in the police department. As he progressed through the ranks from Communications Officer to Support Service Division Captain, he made a positive impact on his colleagues and will leave a lasting legacy on the UNT campus. His résumé boasts numerous awards, honors and positions of leadership, including UNT Police Department Certificate of Merit, UNT Staff Council Chair, Leadership Denton graduate, Officer of the Year in 1988, and Excellence in Public Service Award in 2003.

I and my staff appreciate the assistance and support we have received from Captain Coffey over many years of working with UNT. I am honored to represent him in the U.S. House of Representatives, and I gladly join the UNT administration, faculty and his police department colleagues in celebrating Captain Jim Coffey's excellent service and wishing him well in his future endeavors.

#### HONORING JEFF PATTISON ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE LEGISLATIVE BUDGET ASSISTANT AT THE NH STATE HOUSE

**HON. FRANK C. GUINTA**

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 10, 2015*

Mr. GUINTA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to express my congratulations to Jeff Pattison on his retirement after 32 years in the Office of the Legislative Budget Assistant at the New Hampshire State House, and thank him for the outstanding work he did during his career.

Mr. Pattison's continuous progression within the Legislative Budget Assistant's Office during his time as a public servant exemplifies his intelligence, positive attitude, and commitment to providing lawmakers with the necessary resources for crafting a budget. The hours he spent volunteering his time as a member of the Laconia Parks and Recreation Commission have also been invaluable, and his leadership will be sorely missed within the Laconia community.

It is with great admiration that I congratulate Mr. Pattison on his retirement, and wish him the best on all future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING THE ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF SACRED HEART HOSPITAL IN PENSACOLA, FLORIDA

**HON. JEFF MILLER**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 10, 2015*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 100th anniversary of Sacred Heart Hospital in Pensacola, Florida. For a century, the dedicated doctors, nurses, health care professionals, and staff of Sacred Heart have provided world-class services to residents of Northwest Florida, saving countless lives and serving as an integral part of the Northwest Florida community.

Sacred Heart Hospital, which opened its doors on August 31, 1915, is rooted in its founding as a partnership between local citizens and the Daughters of Charity. Its original mission to provide compassionate care to all in the community continues to serve as the hallmark of its success. In the hospital's first location, on Twelfth Avenue, a group of dedicated professionals staffed a 125 bed facility. Despite facing myriad challenges—ranging from hurricanes, a flu epidemic, the Great Depression, and both World Wars—Sacred Heart never wavered in its commitment to excellence, providing unparalleled care to Northwest Florida residents. During the Great Depression, the hospital often served patients who had no other means to cover medical services, and Sacred Heart's school of nursing, located next door to the original facility, trained more than 700 nurses to help serve the community.

In the 1960s, when a growing community brought increased need for expanded health care services, Sacred Heart was there to answer the call. After assiduous planning, Sacred Heart moved to its current location on Ninth Avenue on March 13, 1965. In addition to expanding the hospital's overall capacity, Sacred Heart also built a series of units to provide specialized care to the community. Shortly after opening its new facility, Sacred Heart Children's Hospital was established in 1969, serving as the sole facility in Northwest Florida wholly dedicated to the treatment of infants and children. That same year, the hospital opened a coronary care unit, carrying out its first open heart surgery in 1972, and in the 1980s the hospital expanded further, opening a pediatric intensive care unit, family care centers, the Sacred Heart Surgical Center, and the Ann L. Baroco Center for Breast Health. In subsequent years, the hospital continued to grow, adding a new MRI facility, heart-catheterization facility, outpatient diagnostic center, outpatient surgery facilities, and the James H. Baroco Cancer Care Center, as well as the new Children's Hospital, Women's Hospital, Regional Heart and Vascular Institute, the Nemours Children's Clinic, and the Sacred Heart Cancer Clinic.

To help mark the growth of the hospital, from its humble beginnings to a truly regional network, the hospital officially renamed itself Sacred Heart Health System in 1996. This change accurately reflects the care that Sacred Heart provides throughout both Northwest Florida and South Alabama. Today, Sacred Heart's health network provides care at all stages of life—from award-winning pediatric

services to care at the Haven of Our Lady of Peace nursing home—across eight Gulf Coast counties. Sacred Heart's Pensacola location has continued to grow, most recently adding the Bayou Tower in 2014 to expand the hospital's capacity in Pensacola to 566 beds. In addition, Sacred Heart further expanded to meet the health care needs of Okaloosa and Walton Counties by constructing Sacred Heart on the Emerald Coast—a 58 bed hospital in Destin, Florida—as well as Sacred Heart Hospital on the Gulf—a 19 bed community hospital in Gulf County, in Port St. Joe, Florida. Today, a century after its founding, Sacred Heart has 78 facilities serving hundreds of thousands of residents along 350 miles of the Gulf Coast.

While Sacred Heart Hospital and the community it serves have grown exponentially since it first opened its doors, Sacred Heart's dedication to its patients and commitment to compassionate care have never wavered. Sacred Heart's tremendous success is a testament to the thousands of individuals that have worked tirelessly over the last 100 years to serve Northwest Florida.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am honored to recognize and celebrate the Centennial Anniversary of Sacred Heart Hospital. My wife Vicki and I congratulate all those who have worked at Sacred Heart over the course of its history, and wish Sacred Heart all the best as it continues to serve the Gulf Coast community for the next 100 years and beyond.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MRS.  
JUDY KERN FAZIO

HON. ZOE LOFGREN  
OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Thursday, September 10, 2015*

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise with my Colleagues, Congressman PETE AGUILAR, Congresswoman KAREN BASS, Congressman XAVIER BECERRA, Congressman AMI BERA, Congresswoman JULIA BROWNLEY, Congressman KEN CALVERT, Congresswoman LOIS CAPPS, Congressman TONY CÁRDENAS, Congresswoman JUDY CHU, Congressman PAUL COOK, Congressman JIM COSTA, Congresswoman SUSAN DAVIS, Congressman JEFF DENHAM, Congressman MARK DESAULNIER, Congresswoman ANNA ESHOO, Congressman SAM FARR, Congressman JOHN GARAMENDI, Congresswoman JANICE HAHN, Congressman MIKE HONDA, Congressman JARED HUFFMAN, Congressman DUNCAN HUNTER, Congressman DARRELL ISSA, Congressman STEVE KNIGHT, Congressman DOUG LAMALFA, Congresswoman BARBARA LEE, Congressman TED LIEU, Congressman ALAN LOWENTHAL, Congresswoman DORIS MATSUI, Congressman KEVIN MCCARTHY, Congressman TOM MCCLINTOCK, Congressman JERRY MCNERNEY, Congresswoman GRACE NAPOLITANO, Congressman DEVIN NUNES, Congresswoman NANCY PELOSI, Congressman SCOTT PETERS, Congressman DANA ROHRBACHER, Congresswoman LUCILLE ROYBAL-ALLARD, Congressman ED ROYCE, Congressman RAUL RUIZ, Congresswoman LINDA SANCHEZ, Congresswoman LORETTA SÁNCHEZ, Congressman ADAM SCHIFF, Congressman BRAD SHERMAN, Congresswoman JACKIE SPEIER, Congressman ERIC SWALWELL,

Congressman MARK TAKANO, Congressman MIKE THOMPSON, Congresswoman NORMA TORRES, Congressman DAVID VALADAO, Congressman JUAN VARGAS, Congresswoman MIMI WALTERS, and Congresswoman MAXINE WATERS, to honor the life of Mrs. Judy Kern Fazio, the wife of former Congressman Vic Fazio, who passed on August 7, 2015. Judy was a very strong woman who managed the home and a career while working in various positions in Washington, DC. We honor Judy's legacy of working in Democratic politics, being a devoted mother, and wife who supported her husband's political pursuits.

A 32-year resident of Arlington, VA, Judy was born November 13, 1943 in St. Louis, MO. The daughter of Mable and Jacob Neidhardt, she moved from Missouri to California as a young girl, and graduated from Sacramento City College. She became active in local Democratic politics, volunteering for Phil Isenberg's Sacramento mayoral race, George McGovern's presidential campaign and eventually, Vic Fazio's State Assembly run where the two first met. They were married in 1983.

Judy went on to work in the California district office for her husband before moving to Washington, DC. She remained active in national politics, working in development and fundraising for the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee and the Center for National Policy. Before her retirement in 1998, she worked for Arter & Hadden, a Cleveland-based law firm with offices in Washington.

A devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, Judy was also a world traveler and a voracious reader. A consummate hostess, an invitation to the Fazio home meant a great meal, a beautiful home, and a lively conversation. She managed the home and a career, becoming a self-taught gourmet cook while working various positions in Washington, DC.

She is survived by her husband Vic, her children Kevin and Kristie; her stepdaughter Dana; three granddaughters, Kendra Kern, Karly Kern and Keira Jeske, and her sister Carol Davidson. She was preceded in death by stepdaughter Anne Noel Fazio.

Today, The California Congressional Delegation salutes and honors the extraordinary life of Mrs. Judy Kern Fazio. We join all of Judy's loved ones in celebrating her incredible life. She will be deeply missed.

A MEMORIAL TRIBUTE TO PAUL  
GOLDENBERG

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF  
OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Thursday, September 10, 2015*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Paul I. Goldenberg of La Habra, California, a kind, generous and highly respected man who was a pioneer in the field of television sales and marketing.

The son of Jewish immigrants from Russia and Austria, Paul was born in Los Angeles, California on April 22, 1928. After his graduation from Dorsey High School, Paul began his university studies at the University of California, Los Angeles at the young age of 16, but after two weeks, he decided that college

was not for him, and dropped out. After serving in the United States Army as a photographer, he enrolled in a television repair course. In 1952, Paul borrowed \$1000 from a relative to open his very own TV repair shop on the corner of Hollywood Boulevard and Vermont Avenue in Los Angeles.

Mr. Goldenberg expanded his business in 1960 when he opened a store in La Habra, California, selling TVs and other household appliances. Throughout the decades, Paul turned his humble store into the largest single store television retailer in the United States. Through his vision of the future role that television would play, Paul invested heavily into large projection TVs and home video players. It was not long before he became known as the self-proclaimed champion of big screen TV sales, "The King of the Big Screen." Paul was a skilled salesman and marketer who had genuine concern for his customers, and he enjoyed resolving customers' issues, and ensuring that his employees provided top notch customer service.

A generous man, Paul was proud of his philanthropic endeavors, and after his retirement, he dedicated himself even more to his charitable efforts. During his lifetime, he gave over \$20 million to over 173 non-profit and charitable organizations, including the Los Angeles Jewish Home for the Aging, the CHP 11-99 Foundation, and the City of Hope, a comprehensive cancer center in Duarte. Paul awarded college scholarships to Sonora High School students in La Habra and funded annual educational trips to Washington, DC for students at his alma mater, Dorsey High School. Described as a rescuer and a practical psychologist, Paul often lent support and advice to family and friends during their times of tribulation and crisis. A classic film lover since his childhood, he had a great sense of humor, and was an avid storyteller.

Paul passed away on August 13, 2015. He is survived by his son, Douglas Goldenberg, and a granddaughter, Lucy Goldenberg. I ask all members to join me in remembering Paul I. Goldenberg, a captain of his industry, and a man of great virtue and generosity.

RECOGNIZING THE MARSHALL  
FAMILY AS THE 2015 OKALOOSA  
COUNTY FLORIDA, OUTSTANDING  
FARM FAMILY OF THE YEAR

HON. JEFF MILLER  
OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Thursday, September 10, 2015*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise to recognize the Marshall Family from Baker, Florida, for being selected as the 2015 Okaloosa County, Florida, Outstanding Farm Family of the Year.

Marshall Farms has been a family affair for four generations, and their immense contribution to the Okaloosa County agricultural community is evidenced by their selection as the Outstanding Farm Family of the Year—the second time the family has received this honor. Today, the family's Row-Crop farm, led by James and his son, Nick, covers over 2400 acres and consists of cotton, peanuts, and corn. As leaders in the community in the use of advanced technology, the Marshall family understands the importance of time and efficiency and was among the first to use Precision Agriculture to sample, fertilize, and lime,

as well as new Grid Soil Sampling and GPS-guided planting. Though always working to grow their farming operations, the Marshall family also understands the importance of community involvement, as demonstrated by its constant willingness to work with the Extension and Okaloosa County Farm Bureau, sharing agricultural techniques, and providing tours and agricultural awareness days.

The family's involvement in their local community is not limited to their work on their farm. James and Nick support the community through their service to myriad agricultural organizations. James served on the Farm Service Agency (FSA) Committee for 13 years and as past president of committee and past director on the Farm Credit Board. Nick is the current Vice President of the Florida Peanut Producers Association, member of the Okaloosa County Farm Bureau Board, and was a past board member of the Okaloosa County FSA Committee. Nick and his family also are active members of Crosspoint Methodist Church.

Together, James; his wife of 36 years, Helen; Nick; and his wife of 6 years, Maryann are pillars of our agriculture community. Nick hopes one day to pass the values instilled in him to his two children, Landon and Emery.

Mr. Speaker, Northwest Florida and our Nation share a proud agricultural tradition built by the hard work of farmers and their families. The Okaloosa County Outstanding Farm Family of the Year Award is a reflection of the Marshall's tireless work and their dedication to family and farming. On behalf of the United States Congress, I would like to offer my congratulations to the Marshall family for being outstanding in their field. My wife Vicki and I extend our best wishes for their continued success.

#### A TRIBUTE TO THE PORTO FAMILY

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 10, 2015*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Porto family of Burbank, California, who are being recognized by the Glendale Memorial Hospital Foundation for their contributions to the Dignity Health Glendale Memorial Hospital.

The success of the Porto family stems from humble beginnings in Manzanillo, Cuba. After Fidel Castro's violent revolution erupted in Cuba in the 1950s, Raul Sr. and his wife, Rosa requested permission to leave the country. As they waited for their response, however, Raul Porto Sr. was fired from his job and sentenced to compulsory manual labor. Rosa Porto was also let go from her job, forcing her to find a new way to support herself and their three children; Betty, Raul Jr., and Margarita. Rosa, a talented baker, responded to the challenges facing her by refining her recipes and selling her cakes to friends and neighbors in Cuba, establishing a devoted client base. The Porto family's request to leave the country was eventually approved, and they entered the United States in the early 1960s.

When they stepped off the plane in America, the Portos had next to nothing except their solid work ethic, Rosa's extraordinary baking skills and the hope for a better life.

Rosa's reputation as a skilled baker had preceded her and she found her first customer at the airport. While Raul Sr. found work as a mechanic, Rosa baked and sold cakes from their home, until their home could no longer accommodate the demand, and they opened a bakery in the Echo Park area of Los Angeles that quickly flourished. After diligently working two jobs, Raul Sr. joined Rosa at the bakery fulltime. As they were growing up, their three children had learned the business and upon their college graduations, each took on a more specific role—Raul Jr. managing financing and new product development, Betty co-managing the business with her father, and Margarita joining her mother in the cake decorating area.

As the years went on, their business grew in size and menu items, and they now have three branches in the Los Angeles area. With plans to open additional branches throughout Southern California, Porto's Bakery will continue to be family-owned and operated while maintaining the high quality their customers expect, following Rosa's motto, "quality is the number one ingredient."

Porto's Bakery has contributed to the development of the local economy by creating hundreds of local jobs and serving thousands of consumers, and has been generous in giving back to their community by supporting many worthwhile organizations including the Glendale Memorial Hospital Foundation, American Red Cross, Los Angeles Mission College and Union Rescue Mission. The Porto family's success is a clear demonstration that the American Dream is attainable for all.

I hereby ask all Members of Congress to join me in honoring the Porto family for their dedicated service to the community.

#### IN MEMORIAM OF DANA MAGNESS CLEMONS

**HON. JOHN RATCLIFFE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 10, 2015*

Mr. RATCLIFFE. Mr. Speaker, I submit this memorial to honor Dana Denise Magness Clemons, a dedicated and outstanding citizen of Fannin County, Texas, who passed away on April 26, 2015 at the too young age of 37 after bravely battling pancreatic cancer. Although her life was tragically shortened, Dana profoundly impacted so many youth in her community. She committed her career to protecting and serving those who were less fortunate, and she left a legacy of caring and love for the lives she touched.

Dana was born in Sherman, TX on August 10, 1977 to Jerry and Brenda (Brown) Magness. She was a member of the Class of 1995 Sam Rayburn High School and graduated with a degree in Criminal Justice and Sociology from Southeastern Oklahoma State University. Dana married Kevin Clemons on September 12, 2003 in Telephone, TX, and she is the mother of Destynie and Kyler Clemons.

Dana dedicated her enormous energies and talents to helping those in her family and her community. She was a staunch advocate for children in need, and she protected our society's most vulnerable citizens throughout her 12 years of employment with Child Protective Services, Children's Medicaid, and Temporary

Aid for Needy Family programs in the State of Texas. While Dana logged many hours investigating reports of abuse or neglect, she encountered dangerous situations. Despite personal risk, she put children's safety and well-being as a top priority. She was honored to receive the Fannin County Children's Advocacy Center's "Team Member of the Year" for her work, a prestigious and well-deserved award.

In December 2013, she joined Adult Probation Services which she felt was her true calling. Due to her illness, she was unable to fully complete her career goals. However, she had a strong impact on those she served.

In addition, Dana had a true giving spirit. If she noticed a special need for a child, she would purchase equipment or shoes so the child could participate in sports or other activities. Many children were benefactors of her anonymous generosity.

Her most important role was that of mother to her two children, Destynie and Kyler. Dana was a wonderful mother who instilled values, virtue, respect and old fashioned manners. Most of all, she taught her children to pray and to trust in God. During her journey with cancer, she modeled how to meet challenges head on, with courage and strong faith.

Dana's heritage includes a family of community servants. While serving with the Texas Farm Bureau, her grandfather, Royce Magness, spent many hours in Washington, DC advocating for American farmers. Dana's father, Jerry Magness, and uncle, David Magness, are County Commissioners in the Great State of Texas. Her mother, Brenda Magness, and grandfather jointly dedicated more than 60 years of service to our Great Nation's Veterans.

So I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating the life of Dana Denise Magness Clemons. She left a strong legacy of service and dedication to those in need, and she modeled how to face challenges with courage and faith. God bless her children and her family, and I know her spirit will live on through them.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF AKRON CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

**HON. MARCIA L. FUDGE**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 10, 2015*

Ms. FUDGE. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate Akron Children's Hospital for 125 years of incredible service to the children, their families, and the communities of Northeast Ohio. Akron Children's has grown from a volunteer nursery begun by a handful of resourceful women into the largest pediatric healthcare system in Northeast Ohio, caring for almost 800,000 patients and families each year.

Thank you to President Bill Considine for more than 35 years of service. President Considine has led Akron Children's through a period of great growth, expanding the hospital's service to twenty-seven Ohio counties.

We live in an interesting and exciting time for health care. Millions of Americans gained access to affordable health insurance during the last year. Yet, although Northeast Ohio is home to some of the best health care systems in the country, if not the world, on this day of

celebration we must renew our focus on the most vulnerable among us, our children.

From its humble beginnings as Akron's Day Nursery to its newly constructed critical care tower, Akron Children's Hospital has served Northeast Ohio with the highest standards, earning the distinction of Best Children's Hospital in seven of ten specialties for 2015 by U.S. News and World Report. The Hospital is a pillar in the community, offering more than 100 advocacy, education and outreach programs to strengthen the health and well-being of our children. The recently completed Kay Jewelers Pavilion, which houses a new neonatal intensive care unit, emergency department, outpatient surgery center and special delivery area, increases Akron Children's capacity to provide world-class care and furthers its commitment to the City of Akron and the region.

As Ohio continues to address the unacceptable growth in health disparities across ethnic and racial groups, including the unacceptable infant mortality rate, I look forward to working with Akron Children's Hospital in the years to come.

A TRIBUTE TO NEIGHBORHOOD  
LEGAL SERVICES OF LOS ANGELES  
COUNTY'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 10, 2015*

Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County upon its 50th Anniversary.

Since its inception in 1965, Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County (NLSLA) has provided much-needed free assistance to impoverished individuals throughout the Los Angeles area. Serving more than 100,000 people annually, NLSLA focuses on four key issues: housing, health, equal access to justice, and economic security. The firm encourages a holistic approach, working with attorneys, doctors, and other specialists throughout the Los Angeles area to address those issues that disproportionately affect the poor.

In addition to its standard services, NLSLA's practice areas are sustained by a series of special projects. These projects include the Shriver Housing Project—Los Angeles, The Wellness Center at Historic General Hospital, Kamenir Health Advocacy Fund, Self-Help Centers, Medical Legal Community Partnerships, and the Dickran Tevzian Fellowship Program. Many of these programs have received national recognition.

Under the exceptional leadership of longtime Executive Director Neal Dudovitz and his dedicated staff, NLSLA has become one of the most respected public interest law advocacy groups in California. The organization has made incredible strides towards lessening the consequences of poverty in Los Angeles' low-income communities, both through systemic policy changes and through working with individuals.

Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County has spent the past 50 years advocating for those whose voices may otherwise be lost in the legal system. I ask all members

to join me in congratulating Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County upon its 50th anniversary.

IN RECOGNITION OF MRS. HELEN  
SULLIVAN

**HON. DAVID G. VALADAO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 10, 2015*

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mrs. Helen Sullivan on being recognized as Agriculturist of the Year by the Lemoore Chamber of Commerce.

In an effort to celebrate the agriculture industry that dominates the Central Valley and recognize individuals and organizations within the industry that truly make a difference, the Lemoore Chamber of Commerce hosts a Salute to Agriculture Banquet each year. On September 11, 2015, the Chamber will host its 21st Annual Salute to Agriculture.

Mrs. Sullivan, whose relatives immigrated to the United States from Portugal and Croatia, was born on October 3, 1950 in Hanford, California. Born and raised on a family farm in Hanford, Mrs. Sullivan took over the family business in 1982 with her husband, Patrick. Over the years, Mrs. Sullivan has farmed multiple crops, including cotton, tomatoes, almonds, and walnuts.

In addition to running her farm, Mrs. Sullivan serves as the Board Director for the Kings County Farm Bureau, sits on the board for the Participatory Learning on Agriculture and Nutrition through Technology (PLANT) Foundation, and participates in Citizens for California High Speed Rail Accountability (CCHSRA) and the Burris Park Foundation.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Mrs. Helen Sullivan on being honored as Agriculturist of the Year.

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE RESPECT FOR NATIVE AMERICANS  
IN PROFESSIONAL SPORTS ACT  
OF 2015

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 10, 2015*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the Respect for Native Americans in Professional Sports Act of 2015, a bill that would prohibit professional sports leagues that promote or allow a member club or franchise connected with that league to promote the use of the term "Redskins" from receiving an exemption from federal antitrust laws. The name has already been found to be disparaging by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with its use by the National Football League's (NFL) Washington football team.

On June 18, 2014, the United States Patent and Trademark Office, in a landmark decision (*Blackhorse v. Pro Football, Inc.*), found the name used by the Washington football team to be disparaging to Native Americans and not deserving of trademark protection, and canceled federal trademark protection for the "Redskins" name. This decision was most re-

cently affirmed by a federal district court in July 2015.

The NFL is the nation's largest sports league, generating almost \$10 billion annually. Under current federal law, the NFL is able to negotiate broadcast rights for the entire league instead of separately for each individual team without running afoul of federal antitrust laws. This exemption is a great benefit for smaller market teams, which would otherwise be unable to convince major networks to pay for or broadcast those games nationally and would significantly reduce revenue for these teams. My bill would deny this benefit to the NFL, and any professional sports league that uses the slur "redskins" as a team name or a promotional tool.

Federal antitrust laws should no longer offer substantial benefits to multibillion dollar leagues that profit from a name that has been officially found to be a racial slur, and is degrading to many Americans. This bill would revoke all federal antitrust exemptions for professional sports leagues that choose to continue to use the offensive and derogatory term "Redskins."

Over 300 tribes and two million Native Americans, as well as religious and human rights organizations, have called on NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell and Daniel Snyder, the Washington football team owner, to change the team's name because it is an insult to indigenous people. In addition, several media outlets around the country no longer print or use the term "Redskins" when referring to the Washington football team because the term is offensive.

I urge my colleagues to support this important legislation.

CONGRESSIONAL MEMORIAL TRIBUTE FOR COL. JAMES LOFTUS FOWLER, USMC OF ALEXANDRIA, VA

**HON. WALTER B. JONES**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 10, 2015*

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Marine Colonel James Loftus Fowler, known as father of the Marine Corps Marathon who died on January 20, 2015, at the age of 84.

On September 14, 2015, the Marine Corps Marathon building, located on Marine Corps Base Quantico, VA will be named Fowler Hall in recognition of the Marine whose "one big idea" helped make "The People's Marathon" an enduring event hosted annually in our nation's capital.

It was in October of 1975 that Colonel Fowler and his superior, Marine General James Ryan, received approval to establish the Marine Corps Reserve Marathon to promote physical fitness and showcase the organizational skills of the U.S. Marine Corps while generating community goodwill.

They intended the Marine Corps Marathon would not only provide an opportunity for runners to qualify for the time-honored event in Boston, but that the Marine Corps Marathon could, over time, improve on the public's perception of military members following the Vietnam War.

While initially under command of the Marine Corps Reserve, the Marathon was reauthorized under the Active Duty Marine Corps in

1978, as it officially became the Marine Corps Marathon. With just under 2,000 runners completing the Marathon during the first two years, the Marine Corps Marathon grew to encompass thousands more runners from across the globe. Each October, Marines and Sailors do us proud by joining together to coordinate the MCM, which has expanded to include a full weekend of events.

Today, the Marine Corps Marathon registers 30,000 participants and is recognized as one of the largest and most-organized marathons in the world.

"I could not have predicted that 30,000 would be running the race," Colonel Fowler said as he saw the event grow. "I wanted a safe race and one where no one would get lost. There were enough problems to handle. You don't foresee all of the problems but you deal with them the best you can. I think it's been good for the Marine Corps and the participants."

Fowler also believed the Marine Corps should not present prize money "because that changes the nature of the race."

"As Marine Corps Marathon founder, Colonel Fowler will be remembered for his powerful impact and for initiating the unique partnership between the U.S. Marine Corps, the running community and the public at large," said MCM Director Rick Nealis.

On Sunday, October 25, the Marine Corps Marathon will celebrate its 40th anniversary in Arlington, VA and our nation's capital with thousands lining the streets to cheer the participants.

Runners and spectators alike will attend the event to also honor our men and women in uniform both past and present who defend our nation's freedoms.

While "The People's Marathon" will continue to spark personal dedication, patriotism and enthusiasm of its participants for many years to come, the Marine Corps Marathon will continue to echo Colonel Fowler's intent to encourage physical fitness, showcase the United States Marine Corps and generate community spirit throughout this great nation.

IN RECOGNITION OF KAHN,  
SOARES, AND CONWAY, LLP

**HON. DAVID G. VALADAO**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 10, 2015*

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Kahn, Soares, and Conway, LLP (KSC) on being recognized as Ag Supporter of the Year by the Lemoore Chamber of Commerce.

In an effort to celebrate the agriculture industry that dominates the Central Valley and recognize individuals and organizations within the industry that truly make a difference, the Lemoore Chamber of Commerce hosts a Salute to Agriculture Banquet each year. On September 11, 2015, the Chamber will host its 21st Annual Salute to Agriculture.

Kahn, Soares, and Conway, LLP was established 35 years ago in an effort to provide the agriculture industry with more effective legal representation. The firm, which is based in Hanford, California, is well-known for its work with agriculture-related cases, environmental and water law, labor relations, and legislative representation.

Agriculture is the lifeblood of the Central Valley and the community is very fortunate to have a legal firm with such expertise and dedication at their disposal.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in commending Kahn, Soares, and Conway, LLP for their service to the agriculture industry and congratulating them on being honored as Ag Supporter of the Year.

COMMEMORATING THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF PARIS INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

**HON. ANDY BARR**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 10, 2015*

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the one hundred fiftieth anniversary of the Paris Independent Schools in Paris, Kentucky. On September 1, 1865, the Paris City Schools opened its doors in the old Bourbon Academy Building, which had been used as a hospital by the Union Army in the Civil War. The first superintendent was Professor Julius Herrick. Records indicate that in 1875 total enrollment was 225 students.

Over the last one hundred and fifty years, the school system has grown in numbers of students, added facilities, organized a Parent Teacher Organization, added libraries, and made numerous educational advancements. Many prominent educators have devoted their careers to educating the children of Paris, Kentucky. A few of the more well-remembered names include Sarah Blanding, who later became dean at the University of Kentucky and Cornell University and President of Vassar College. Blanton Collier taught and coached football and basketball at Paris High School for sixteen years before serving in World War II, becoming head football coach at the University of Kentucky and the Cleveland Browns, and being named as All American coach. Harry Lancaster was an assistant coach at Paris High School before he became an assistant basketball coach at the University of Kentucky under Coach Adolph Rupp, head baseball coach, and athletic director. These are just three of the hundreds of outstanding teachers that have taught the students of Paris.

Paris Independent Schools have been known over the years for high academic achievement, strong music programs, and great athletic teams. They provide well rounded educational opportunities for all students. A strong education is vital in opening doors to young people and providing them hope for a good life. For one hundred and fifty years, Paris Independent Schools have focused on excellence in education. I am honored to commemorate their 150th anniversary and wish them all the best in the future.

IN COMMEMORATION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF GEISINGER HEALTH SYSTEM

**HON. LOU BARLETTA**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 10, 2015*

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Geisinger Health System as it celebrates the 100th anniversary of its establishment. Geisinger Health System is an integrated health services organization within my congressional district that is widely admired for its development of innovative care models and its advances in the use of electronic health records and telemedicine.

Over a century ago, Abigail Geisinger, the organization's founder, made the intentions for her namesake quite clear when she said, "Make my hospital right; make it the best." The fact that the first Geisinger Medical Center opened earlier than expected in order to serve its community in the wake of a typhoid emergency in 1915 is indicative of the very organization Ms. Geisinger envisioned, and that legacy continues to this day.

Due to the dedicated commitment of its employees, the health system has grown from the original medical center in Danville into a physician-led, integrated health services organization that is respected both nationally and worldwide. In fact, Geisinger serves more than 2.6 million residents throughout 44 counties in central, south-central, and northeast Pennsylvania—many of whom live in rural, medically underserved areas.

Comprised of approximately 23,500 employees, a 1,200 member multi-specialty group practice, hospitals, research centers, an alcohol and chemical dependency treatment center, and a health plan, Geisinger provides the Commonwealth with a patient care mission that is second to none. Furthermore, the health system leverages an estimated \$8.9 billion annually, revenue that has positively impacted Pennsylvania's economy, and remains integral to statewide development.

Mr. Speaker, I am humbled to join Geisinger Health System in commemorating its 100th anniversary, and remain eternally grateful for the many services the organization provides to my constituents. I wish the organization many more successful years to come.

HONORING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE EAST BAY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 10, 2015*

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the 25th anniversary of the East Bay Economic Development Alliance, also known as the East Bay EDA. On October 15, 2015, East Bay EDA will celebrate its many achievements and partnerships that have helped advance the economic vitality of the Bay Area's East Bay region.

East Bay EDA is a cross-sector partnership guided by the expertise, resources, and passion of its public, private, and non-profit leaders, who are focused on regional, sustainable

solutions to attract, retain, and grow businesses in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. Founded in 1990 after a thoughtful and strategic process to create a collaborative approach to economic development opportunities and challenges, East Bay EDA continues today as a strong regional voice for strengthening the economy, building a qualified workforce, and enhancing the high quality of life in the East Bay.

East Bay EDA's unique structure of cross-sector leadership, its development of region-specific research, its advocacy that benefits business growth and workforce development, and its efforts to champion employer-led engagement for education that leads to careers makes it an impactful organization for strategic business development. International, domestic, and regional businesses depend on East Bay EDA to provide access to business resources, access to investments and incentives, regional marketing, business-to-business connections, leadership introductions, and land use and infrastructure support to help businesses succeed and create quality jobs. East Bay EDA invests in sustainable strategies to build talented and local workforces to meet tomorrow's job opportunities that require strong STEM education foundations.

On a personal note, I salute my friend and colleague, Chairman of the EDA, Supervisor Carlson. His dedication to the residents of the East Bay is both commendable and inspirational. Furthermore, as a former entrepreneur, he understands the diverse needs of the business community, which helps to successfully execute the East Bay EDA's mission of making the East Bay a world-recognized location to grow businesses. He has been consistently re-elected as the Chairman for 22 years because of his passion and leadership for business development.

On behalf of the residents of California's 13th Congressional District, I congratulate East Bay EDA on 25 years of exemplary service as it continues to support the changes in the East Bay economy brought about by technology, environmental stewardship, and global challenges. I wish the East Bay EDA well as it seeks to make the East Bay the premier region for business opportunity, innovation, and the quality of life.

#### HONORING THE SERVICE OF ALBERT WESS

#### HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 10, 2015*

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding individual, Mr. Albert Wess, of Paris, Kentucky. Mr. Wess, a part of the Greatest Generation, answered his nation's call to service during World War II. Today it is my honor to recognize him before the House of Representatives.

Mr. Wess was born in North Middletown, Kentucky. During World War II he was a member of the United States Army. He served his country as a truck driver in the famous "Red Ball Express". He and his fellow drivers delivered munitions and supplies to the Army front lines in Europe, following General George Patton. They supplied troops fighting in the Battle of the Bulge and the many battles that fol-

lowed. The brave convoy drivers traveled at night with no lights, making it more difficult for German planes to strafe the convoys and destroy the trucks and supplies.

Mr. Wess worked in the steel mills of Ohio for a time after his military service ended. He then moved back to Bourbon County, where he worked at the Lexington Army Depot for thirty two years. After retirement, he worked for Wilson's Drug for more than nineteen years. Mr. Jones and his late wife have four children. He continues to be active in his church, Seventh Street Christian Church in Paris.

The bravery of Mr. Wess and his fellow men and women of the United States Army is heroic. Because of his courage and the courage of individuals from all across Kentucky and our great nation, our freedoms have been preserved for our generation and for future generations. He is truly an outstanding American, a patriot, and a hero to us all.

#### TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM CLAY FORD, JR.

#### HON. SANDER M. LEVIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 10, 2015*

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a remarkable leader from my home state of Michigan, William Clay Ford, Jr. Mr. Ford is being honored in Detroit on September 10, 2015 by the USC Shoah Foundation Institute with its 2015 Ambassador for Humanity Award. The USC Shoah Foundation Institute says that "The Ambassador for Humanity Award is reserved for individuals who embody the Institute's values and mission to promote tolerance and mutual respect." Bill Ford is undoubtedly such a person, and it is fitting that he receives this honor.

Bill Ford is the Executive Chairman of Ford Motor Company, which was founded by his great-grandfather, Henry Ford. He worked his way up in the company, where he started at the age of 22 as a product planning specialist, and throughout the years he has mastered the complexities of the company and the auto industry. His leadership at Ford has reflected a twofold commitment—to building the world's best automobiles, while at the same time being a strong corporate citizen in the communities where its facilities are located and in society at large. As a lifelong champion of environmental stewardship, Bill Ford has led Ford Motor Company's efforts to develop and broaden the use of new, environmentally-friendly technologies in its vehicles and to lessen the environmental impact of its manufacturing, from increasing the use of post-consumer product in its plastic parts to leading the restoration of the Ford Rouge Center, which the company says is "the world's largest brownfield reclamation project."

Bill Ford's passion for protecting the environment is matched by his commitment to ensuring that our communities are strengthened by the vital educational, healthcare, and cultural institutions which serve them. One of the important efforts that he and Ford Motor Company are involved with is a partnership with the USC Shoah Foundation Institute's IWitness educational program. IWitness provides educators and students with firsthand

audio and visual accounts from survivors of and witnesses to the Holocaust as well as genocides in Armenia in the early twentieth century, in Nanjing, China in 1937, in Cambodia in the 1970s, and in Rwanda in 1994. These testimonies enable students to learn from history in a deeply personal way, and encourage them to act to oppose and prevent future acts of genocide. Thanks to the commitment of Mr. Ford and the Ford Motor Company, the Institute's IWitness program will be expanded to more schools and students throughout Metro Detroit.

When the award was announced, Steven Spielberg, who founded the USC Shoah Foundation Institute, captured so well the importance of the IWitness program and of Bill Ford's leadership when he said, "Reaching people when they're young is the key to changing the world with testimony . . . the commitment of Bill Ford and the Ford Motor Company to support new approaches to learning, to provide scholarships, and to help deserving students attain higher education make him a great ambassador, and I am proud to recognize him for his efforts."

Mr. Speaker, President John F. Kennedy once said "For of those to whom much is given, much is required." Bill Ford, who has committed so much of his time, talents, and financial resources into strengthening our communities in Southeast Michigan, truly exemplifies this spirit. I encourage my colleagues to join me in congratulating him on so deservedly receiving the 2015 Ambassador for Humanity Award from the USC Shoah Foundation Institute.

#### RECOGNIZING LARRY DALE ON FOURTEEN YEARS LEADING THE ORLANDO SANFORD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND MANY DECADES OF SERVICE TO COM- MUNITY AND COUNTRY

#### HON. JOHN L. MICA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 10, 2015*

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay recognition to a great friend, dedicated public servant and outstanding community leader: Mr. Larry Dale of Sanford Florida.

Larry is retiring as President and CEO of the Orlando Sanford International Airport this month after 14 years in this leadership position. His work and efforts over the years helped make that airport one of the economic engines in the 7th Congressional District. Since 2001, when Larry took the helm, the airport has significantly improved its operations and expanded services. Orlando Sanford International Airport now serves over 2.2 million passengers a year, with thousands employed. The airport is also consistently in the top 30 busiest airports in the world in terms of total flight operations, recently being awarded the U.S. ANNIES Award for Fastest Growing U.S. Airport in 2014 for facilities serving between 2 million and 5 million passengers.

Mr. Dale has been a leader in the aviation industry during his tenure, advancing national and state issues and establishing Orlando Sanford International Airport as a top innovator in aviation operations and security. In 2010, he was awarded the Florida Department

of Transportation Aviation Professional of the Year award.

Larry Dale also served as Mayor of the City of Sanford from 1996 to 2001 after being active in community affairs for years. Larry served on the Sanford Port Authority Board of Directors, East Central Florida Regional Planning Council, Seminole Community College Board of Trustees, 18th Circuit Judicial Nominating Commission, Lake Mary Volunteer Fire Department and continues to serve the region on MetroPlan Orlando and the Seminole County Development Advisory Board.

The recipient of the Boy Scouts of America Service Award and the Seminole County Chamber of Commerce Lifetime Achievement Award, Larry has been actively involved in Seminole County affairs for three decades. He has been a successful real estate developer, broker and contractor, civic leader, elected official, airline transportation pilot and certified law enforcement officer.

As Larry Dale retires this month, I know that I am joined by my colleagues from Central Florida in thanking him for his service and wishing him well in the future. Now, he will be able to spend time with his five children, nine grandchildren and his great-grandson hunting, fishing and, of course, flying airplanes.

Mr. Speaker, once again I congratulate Larry Dale on his many accomplishments in his community, the State of Florida, and our nation.

#### HONORING THE SERVICE OF CAPTAIN MATTHEW ROLAND

### HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 10, 2015*

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a true American hero, Air Force Captain Matthew D. Roland, from Lexington, Kentucky. Captain Roland gave his life in service to his country when he was killed in Afghanistan on August 26, 2015.

Captain Roland graduated in 2006 from Lexington Catholic High School, where he was a member of the National Honor Society and ran cross country. He was recognized as a born leader, motivated and dedicated to all that he did. Roland was also an Eagle Scout. He earned an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy, where he graduated in 2010.

Captain Roland was a special tactics officer at the 23rd Special Tactics Squadron in Afghanistan. He completed the rigorous special tactics training program in 2012, then was a team leader who supervised combat preparedness training for a thirty five member team. He deployed three times in his five years of service, serving in many locations around the world.

Colonel Wolfe Davidson, 24th Special Operations commander, described Roland and fellow hero Forrest as "incredible warriors who not only volunteered to join our nation's Special Operations Forces, but earned their way to the tip of the spear in defense of our nation."

Captain Roland is survived by his parents, retired Air Force Colonel Mark Roland and Barbara Roland, and his sister, Erica.

The tragic loss of this brave man is felt by all who knew him. Along with a grateful nation,

I honor his legacy, embrace his family, and say thank you for his ultimate sacrifice for American freedom.

#### RECOGNIZING THE CHARLIE COMPANY

### HON. STEVE STIVERS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 10, 2015*

Mr. STIVERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Charlie Company, a unit of the United States Marine Corps Reserves, who this year celebrates the 65th anniversary of the first time they left the United States to fight for our country in Korea. As a Colonel in the Ohio National Guard, I understand and appreciate the dedicated service of the Charlie Company.

The Charlie Company was formed on September 1, 1947 comprised of many World War II Marines who wanted to continue their service. After the Korean War began, the 177 man Company was sent from Fort Hayes in Columbus to Camp Pendleton in California to complete training. By November of 1950, the men were sent out to South Korea.

The Charlie Company faced combat action within two weeks of being in South Korea. One of the toughest battles they fought in was in the mountains of North Korea near the Chosin Reservoir, where they were ambushed and outnumbered by the Chinese Army. After several days, the Marines finally broke free. Five men were killed in action and over 45 Purple Hearts were given to the Company. Members of the Company also earned additional medals such as the Silver Star and Bronze Star.

The Charlie Company has had an incredible history of serving our country bravely in battle and continues to serve today. I am honored to recognize and thank the former and current members of the Charlie Company for the service they provide our nation.

#### HONORING THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF GUGLIELMO WINERY

### HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 10, 2015*

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, the Santa Clara Valley, or Silicon Valley, is home to many successful businesses that were founded by immigrants. I rise today to recognize one such business, Guglielmo Winery, which is celebrating the ninetieth anniversary of its establishment this year. In 1908, Emilio Guglielmo departed from the small town of Susa, in the Piedmont region of Italy, in search of the American dream. Upon his arrival in San Francisco, Emilio began working at a tannery, and his wife Emilia worked at a French laundry. After fifteen years of hard work, the Guglielmos had set aside enough to purchase fifteen acres in Morgan Hill, where they established their winery. Emilia and Emilio passed the winery down to their son George W. and his wife Madeline in 1945. Guglielmo Winery is now in its third generation of family ownership—jointly managed by

Emilio's grandsons George E., Gene, and Gary—and holds title as the oldest continuously operating family-owned winery in the Santa Clara Valley. On September 12, Guglielmo Winery will celebrate this significant milestone in traditional Guglielmo fashion: with friends, family, and wine. I congratulate them on this significant milestone and wish the Guglielmos many years of fruitful harvests.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF EDWIN GREEN LANE III

### HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 10, 2015*

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commemorate the life of a public servant from Kentucky's Sixth District, Edwin "Ed" Green Lane III. Mr. Lane was a successful business owner, a member of Lexington's city council, a philanthropist, and a leader in the community.

Ed Lane founded Lane Consultants in 1981, a commercial real estate brokerage based in Lexington. Later he added Lane Communications Group, publisher of several magazines and e-newsletters. Best known of these is The Lane Report, a highly respected magazine for Kentucky business news. He was well known as a strong voice for the business community in Lexington and indeed all across Kentucky.

Councilmember Lane was elected to represent Lexington's 12th District on the Urban County Government Council in 2005. He was known for focusing on sound financial policy and for thoroughly analyzing budget numbers and their long term effect for the city. Councilmember Lane was a strong advocate for his district and brought business expertise and experience to the council. He will be deeply missed in Lexington's government.

In addition to his business and governmental interests, Councilmember Lane served on the boards of numerous business, arts, government, and civic organizations. He gave generously of his time and resources.

Ed Lane loved his work in business and in government. He was an artist, art collector, and photographer. Ed was an avid cook and enjoyed entertaining. He loved gardening, reading, fast cars, and, yes, politics. He always had a strong work ethic and an enthusiasm for life. He was energetic and optimistic in all that he did. Ed fought cancer bravely for over two years ago, only sharing his diagnosis with close family members. He is survived by two daughters, Susan Brett Lane and Katherine Meredith Lane.

Ed Lane was a great American who gave of himself in many ways to better his community and his nation. He will be sorely missed, but the world is a better place because of the impact made by Edwin Green Lane III.

#### CONSTITUTION WEEK

### HON. TOM RICE

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 10, 2015*

Mr. RICE of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I would like to submit the following proclamation:

Whereas, it is the privilege and duty of the American people to commemorate the two hundred and twenty-eighth anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper to officially recognize this magnificent document and the anniversary of its creation; and

Whereas, public law 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation each year by the President of the United States of America designating September 17 through 23 as constitution week;

Now, therefore, I, TOM RICE by virtue of the authority vested in me as representative of the Seventh District of the state of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 17 through 23, 2015 to be Constitution week and ask our citizens to reaffirm the ideals the Framers of the Constitution had in 1787.

IN CELEBRATION OF ALLISON  
TRANSMISSION'S CENTENNIAL  
ANNIVERSARY

**HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 10, 2015*

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Allison Transmission in celebration of its 100th anniversary. The company has a rich history in Indianapolis, but its accomplishments can be seen globally. It is my privilege to honor this strong Hoosier company as it celebrates 100 years of excellence.

Since its founding in 1915, Allison Transmission has become the largest manufacturer of fully automatic transmissions and a leader in hybrid-propulsion systems for city buses. The company's heritage traces back to when James Allison, co-founder of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and part owner of several racing teams, founded the Indianapolis Speedway Team Company.

While at first the company was focused on racecars, the company switched gears after the start of World War I and put all of its resources toward helping the United States military. In 1920, the name was changed to Allison Engineering Company. For its first couple of decades, Allison primarily manufactured engines and service parts for the military, but in 1946 Allison entered the commercial transmission field and would later go on to create the world's first fully automatic transmission. Since then, Allison Transmission has produced over 5 million transmissions and over 1 million fully automatic transmissions.

The company is a leader in innovative technological advancements and is responsible for multiple groundbreaking inventions. In addition to the world's first fully automatic transmission, one of its most notable inventions is steel-backed bronze bearings, which extend the service life of aircraft engines and were famously used in Charles Lindbergh's Spirit of St. Louis in 1927.

Allison Transmission has strong roots in Indianapolis and its headquarters remains there today. The company now has an international presence with over 2,700 employees, a market presence in more than 80 countries, and approximately 1,400 independent distributor

and dealer locations worldwide. Allison transmissions can be found in cities and rural areas across the globe in a wide variety of applications such as buses, trains, cars, trucks, and airplanes.

James Allison founded the company under 5 key values: innovation, quality, integrity, customer focus, and teamwork. These values have led the company to its many achievements and remain evident today through the hard work and dedication of its employees. The company's commitment to providing high-quality services that improve efficiency and make work as easy as possible for their customers is manifested in the unrivaled reliability and durability of their transmissions.

In addition to all of Allison's achievements in the manufacturing world, they also have a robust history of community involvement. As part of their centennial celebration, Allison Transmission will be sponsoring a variety of community activities, including the building of a house for a family in need, sponsoring an essay contest for students at James A. Allison Elementary School in Speedway, and awarding 100 scholarships to local college students. The company has also earned the prestigious Centennial Business Award of the Indiana Historical Society.

On behalf of the citizens of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District, I would like to congratulate Allison Transmission on the celebration of its centennial anniversary. I am proud to represent a city that is home to exemplary businesses such as this one. I wish Allison Transmission all the best as it embarks on its next 100 years of excellence.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF MR.  
GEORGE BUCHANAN

**HON. ANDY BARR**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 10, 2015*

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding individual, Mr. George Buchanan, of Lexington, Kentucky. Mr. Buchanan, a part of the Greatest Generation, answered his nation's call to service during World War II.

Mr. Buchanan grew up in Hazel Green on a small subsistence farm. There were three boys in his family, all of whom served in WWII. Following high school, young George got a job in a drugstore, working behind the soda fountain. He was drafted shortly after the Pearl Harbor attack. Because of his drugstore experience he was chosen to be a medic, despite a great fear of the sight of blood and passing out several times during training. He completed his training and became a surgical technician 861. He was assigned to the 97th QM Battalion, where they packed onto the Aquitania for a very rough North Atlantic crossing.

Mr. Buchanan landed on Omaha Beach just a few days following the D-Day invasion. He and other medics treated the sick and wounded. They also checked the dead, tagged them, and took them to the morgue. They saw hundreds who were shot, burned, and mangled. His unit traveled across Europe, through France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany, and Czechoslovakia, continuing to treat the sick and wounded, tagging the dead and taking

them to the morgue. They lived in foxholes along the way and showered about once a month when they got a clean change of clothes. During the Battle of the Bulge, the medics were armed for the first time as they were surrounded by German troops. They were thankful to be rescued by General Patton's troops.

Mr. Buchanan never forgot all the death and injury he witnessed in the war. He went on to attend the University of Kentucky, where he met his future wife Margaret. They settled in Lexington and had four children. Buchanan enjoyed a long career with Commonwealth Life Insurance, where he rose to a prominent level and earned numerous awards. He and Margaret were charter members of Crestwood Christian Church where both were very active. Buchanan was also an active member of the YMCA, serving as a board member and a donor. He was awarded the prestigious Red Triangle Award for service by the YMCA. He was able to make a visit back to Normandy in recent years.

After a full and productive life, Mr. Buchanan passed away on July 20, 2015 at the age of 94. The bravery of Mr. Buchanan and his fellow men and women of the United States Army is heroic. Because of his courage and the courage of individuals from all across Kentucky and our great nation, our freedoms have been preserved for our generation and for future generations. He was truly an outstanding American, a patriot, and a hero to us all.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL  
DEBT

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 10, 2015*

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$18,151,096,731,763.19. We've added \$7,524,219,682,850.11 to our debt in 6 years. This is over \$7.5 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

CONGRATULATING BATAVIA  
TOWNSHIP

**HON. BRAD R. WENSTRUP**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 10, 2015*

Mr. WENSTRUP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Batavia Township on their bicentennial anniversary and celebration.

For 200 years, Batavia Township has stood at the center of Clermont County and has lived up to its motto, "The Heart of Clermont!"

Since its initial survey in 1788 and its incorporation in 1815, Batavia Township has been an industrial leader in Clermont County. From roller coaster production to the manufacturing of food and consumer products, Batavia Township boasts a wide diversity of commerce.

Home to the University of Cincinnati East, a higher education leader in the county, and the Clermont County Airport, a hub of economic activity, the township is central to the region's continued growth.

The township is also home to a wide array of outdoor recreational activities from its new Williamsburg-Batavia Bike Trail to the East Fork State Park, which hosts some of the region's finest rowing competitions and camping options.

I am honored to represent Batavia Township today, an area of the state with a rich history and strong community. Again, I congratulate Batavia Township on this historic milestone, and I wish the township the very best over their next 200 years.

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HONORING THE SERVICE OF MR.  
MIKE BACH

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**HON. ANDY BARR**

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 10, 2015*

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding Kentuckian and a prominent member of the agriculture industry. Mr. Mike Bach, of Owingsville, Kentucky, served for twenty-eight years as an officer in the United States Army. For four years, he worked as a sales agent for a farm machinery distributor and in 1978 purchased several farms. In 1996 he inherited the family farm in Bath County. Currently Mr. Bach operates B&E Farms along with his wife Mary and son Steven. His farm covers 2,000 acres of beautiful Kentucky farmland in Bath County, where he operates a cow and calf farm and his son Steven raises 1,000 acres of row crops.

In addition to his own farm operation, Mr. Bach is an active leader in Kentucky agriculture. He is past president of the Kentucky Cattlemen's Association and currently serves on the board. He is program chair of the Montgomery County Cattlemen's Association. Bach serves on the board of the Bath County Farm Bureau. Mr. Bach understands the need to educate and encourage the next generation of farmers and as part of that commitment, he serves on the Kentucky 4-H Foundation Board.

Mr. Bach's love of farming and dedication to the agriculture industry in Kentucky were recently recognized by his selection as a member of the Bath County Agriculture Hall of Fame. This honor was well deserved and Bach is a role model to farmers of the future.

In addition to his agriculture interests, Bach is a member of the Association of Officers for the U.S. Army Reserve and is a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association. He enjoys working with old farm equipment.

I am honored today to recognize the accomplishments of Mr. Mike Bach, who has great love for his country and great love for the land. He exemplifies all the men and women across our nation who work hard every day in a job they love—the American Farmer.

“LOVE MOM AND DAD”

**HON. MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 10, 2015*

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, “Love Mom and Dad,” are the words stenciled on a piece of cardboard, attached to a 36-foot-tall beam known as the “Last Column.” Mom and Dad are Arnold and Rosemary Roma of Bucks County, Pennsylvania, who lost their son, Keith on September 11, 2001. Serving as a make shift memorial, the column was covered with personal messages from first responders who lost loved ones. Arnold, “Dad,” retired NYPD and several Port Authority Police officers spray painted “KR FP2” in honor of Keith Roma, son and friend, of Fire Patrol 2.

Presently, the “Last Column” stands as an exhibit at the 9/11 Museum in New York City. On Christmas Eve 2001 Arnold helped uncover the body of his son from the ruins of the North Tower. The Roma's considered themselves fortunate as they were able to bring their son home for a proper good bye.

Following the attacks on September 11, 2001, we would say “good bye” to 343 New York Firefighters, 72 Law Enforcement Officers, and one New York Fire Patrolman, Keith Roma. As September 11th approaches, we are reminded to express appreciation for the sacrifice paid by these first responders and their families.

Today, in the midst of many conversations regarding the state of law enforcement in our country, we still find ourselves saying “good bye.” Those conversations must also include, “Thank you.”

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HONORING 100 YEARS OF SERVICE  
OF THE CASCADE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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**HON. GLENN GROTHMAN**

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 10, 2015*

Mr. GROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Fire Department of Cascade, Wisconsin on 100 years of service to their community. The Cascade Fire Department has a long and proud history of providing fire protection services to the Village of Cascade, the Town of Lyndon, and the Town of Mitchell.

On September 2, 1915, a group of citizens met in Cascade to discuss the formation of a fire department. This newly formed department started out with just \$681 worth of firefighting equipment. Over the next several years, they acquired more advanced firefighting equipment and learned advanced firefighting practices to make firefighting safer and more effective to make our communities safer.

I am grateful to the members of our local fire departments who put their lives on the line to keep their communities healthy and safe. The towns and villages across America continue to enjoy peace of mind knowing that their own community members are willing to step up and protect their neighbors. I join with the people of Cascade, Lyndon, and Mitchell to offer a heartfelt thank you to the Cascade Fire Department for their service. It is a privi-

lege to represent such fine public safety officers in Congress.

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RECOGNITION OF THE 50TH  
ANNIVERSARY OF TAYLOR DANCE

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**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 10, 2015*

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 50th anniversary of the Taylor Dance Program and celebrate its founder, Joy Squire. Since 1966, Joy has made it her life's mission to promote awareness and appreciation of the art of dance across Southeast Michigan.

Joy understands the importance of kindness in instruction, as evidenced by the affection of her hundreds of students from more than 30 metropolitan Detroit communities across generations. From the very first class she taught, Joy has always sought to awaken and promote the creative gifts that exist in each student. She has nurtured the talents of dancers of all ages, even supporting scholarship opportunities for her pupils to attend prestigious dance programs across the country.

It should be no surprise then that Joy has been noted for her excellence by the Downriver Council for the Arts and has been inducted into the Taylor Sports and Recreation Hall of Fame. Her dedication to keeping the Taylor Dance Program a place for high-quality, affordable dance instruction has led to it being named one of the “premier” dance training centers in the country.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today to honor Joy Squire and the Taylor Dance Program for inspiring generations of students in Southeast Michigan toward reaching their full potential. I thank her for her devotion to the community and wish her many more years of success.

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H.J. RES. 64

**HON. GENE GREEN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 10, 2015*

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.J. Res. 64—Disapproving of the agreement transmitted to Congress by the President on July 19, 2015, relating to the nuclear program of Iran.

First, I would like to commend all the individuals from the Obama Administration and their counterparts across the globe for the tireless work they put into this agreement.

Since the Iranian revolution in 1979, this is the closest our country and the international community have come to signing a peace agreement.

That progress did not come without significant sacrifice of personal and professional time.

Unfortunately, Mr. Speaker, I am unable to support the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action.

While I commend all those involved and recognize the importance of a comprehensive nuclear agreement with Iran, I do not believe that is what we are getting.

For the past 30 years, the international community has been subjected to Iranian threats and bully behavior.

The international community has had to tolerate Iran's constant threats to destroy the State of Israel, our staunch ally.

For too long, the community of nations has dealt with Iran's funding of terrorism throughout the Middle East and the world.

I am unable to support a deal that would allow the Iranian regime to continue to perpetrate these actions without any repercussions.

It is important to mention that these are not just my beliefs.

Since the announcement in July, my office has received hundreds of contacts from constituents opposing the Iran agreement.

In the month of August, I held townhalls, hosted meetings and conducted constituent visits.

The majority of those interactions affirmed the people in our district do not trust Iran.

The State of Israel should not have to worry about more threats and potentially expanded attacks funded by Iranian petro-dollars.

The United States shouldn't have to provide relief to a regime that continues to call for our destruction and that of our allies.

I believe the delay and dismantlement of Iran's nuclear program is a laudable goal, perhaps one of the most important in the world.

I also believe that we should work to alleviate the pressures and foster the goals of the Iranian people.

The young people in Iran are being held accountable for the actions of an autocratic, religiously motivated panel of leaders.

However, we cannot ignore 30 years of unrelenting threats and condemnable behavior for a decade or less of nuclear concessions.

In Texas, perception is often reality and if you are perceived as a bully, then you'll be treated as one.

We spent too many years bringing Iran to the table through sanctions and diplomatic pressures.

We cannot easily forget the history between the two countries but we can hopefully work towards a better situation.

As long as our friends and allies in the Middle East and around the world feel the threat

of Iranian influence, our job as the United States is to hold the regime accountable in every way possible.

It is my hope we work together to block this deal and use its framework to get a better deal.

I urge my colleagues to oppose H.J. Res. 64.

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WOMEN'S HEALTH  
ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

HON. RENEE L. ELLMERS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 10, 2015*

Mrs. ELLMERS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, please remove Member MCSALLY as a cosponsor of H.R. 3443 as she was added inadvertently by my staff when cosponsoring another bill of ours, H.R. 3339.